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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES 2,100 IN FEBRUARY TO 396,200

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 2,100 jobs in February, with gains occurring in both the Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing sectors, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 396,200 in February. This represents a monthly gain of 2,100 jobs, and is 16,300 greater than the year ago February level of 379,900.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island rose by 1,200 in February to 117,700, an increase of 6,900 jobs from the February 1983 level of 110,800. Employment in the Durable Goods sector increased by 800 jobs over the month to 79,700. This total is 4,700 more than the employment level of February 1983. The Nondurable Goods manufacturing total of 38,000 represents a monthly gain of 400 jobs, and is up by 2,200 since February of last year.

Within the Durable Goods sector the largest monthly increase was reported in Jewelry/Silverware (+500). Monthly gains of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. Fabricated Metals declined by 100 jobs from January to February, while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged during this period. Compared to February 1983, the largest employment in-

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EMPLOYERS! HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUTH THIS SUMMER

This summer you can give a young person the chance of a lifetime – for a lifetime of success.

Your firm or business can save in taxes by taking a credit for hiring young people for summer jobs. The *Targeted Jobs Tax Credit* allows you to give young people an opportunity for a job and give your business a tax break at the same time.

By hiring an eligible young person between May 1 and September 15 you can earn a tax credit of 85% of the first $3,000 paid in wages to each eligible employee for up to 90 days.

To be eligible, the youth must be:

- **16-17 years of age**
- **Economically disadvantaged**
- **First-time employee of your company**

The *Targeted Jobs Tax Credit* program is different and it's easy. Only two simple forms are used to establish the new worker's eligibility for the credit.

List your TJTC Summer Youth job orders with the Rhode Island Job Service. Call 277-6950 or any local office listed on page two of this Bulletin.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
Total Placements	1,163	1,272	900
New Applications	3,902	3,999	3,689
New Openings Rec'd.	1,958	2,710	1,700

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	% Change Jan. 1984
Initial Claims	10,721	12,423	- 13.7
No. of Payments	71,369	75,154	- 5.0
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,020,739	$ 8,312,480	- 3.5
Exhaustions	1,257	1,259	- 0.2

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Fedefally-financed, are presented below:

	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984
Initial Claims	1,185	1,380
No. of Payments	11,088	12,567
Amount of Payments	$ 1,169,877	$ 1,284,185

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force – Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	475.9	477.2	471.5
Unemployment	36.9	38.2	50.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	8.0	10.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	6.9	7.2	9.5

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	469.4	481.7	478.4
Unemployment	38.8	33.3	60.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.3	6.9	12.6

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	36,145	36,465	34,255
Unemployment	2,325	1,970	2,670
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	5.4	7.8

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	14,920	15,045	14,510
Unemployment	1,455	1,015	1,440
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.8	6.7	9.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND

February 20 - 24, 1984

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
Total	18,056	100.0
Men	11,208	62.1
Under 45	8,194	73.1
45 and Over	3,014	26.9
Women	6,848	37.9
Under 45	4,127	60.3
45 and Over	2,721	39.7
INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT		
Construction	4,112	22.8
Manufacturing	6,586	36.5
Public Utilities	572	3.2
Wholesale and Retail	2,427	13.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	371	2.1
Service	1,654	9.2
All Other	2,334	12.9
OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS		
Prof., Tech. & Managerial	1,793	9.9
Clerical & Sales	2,288	12.7
Service	1,561	8.6
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	865	4.8
Processing	850	4.7
Machine Trades	1,608	8.9
Bench Work	2,613	14.5
Structural Work	3,710	20.5
Miscellaneous	1,608	8.9
INA	1,160	6.4

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
AL EMPLOYMENT*	396.2	394.1	379.9	+ 2,100	+ 16,300
NUFACTURING	117.7	116.5	110.8	+ 1,200	+ 6,900
NMANUFACTURING	278.5	277.6	269.1	+ 900	+ 9,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.0	11.2	9.2	- 200	+ 1,800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	13.2	13.1	+ 100	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	82.6	83.0	78.1	400	+ 4,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.3	21.3	21.2		+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	93.0	91.9	90.2	+ 1,100	+ 2,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.3	57.0	57.3	+ 300	

3 Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
DUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1983
L MANUFACTURING	117.7	116.5	110.8	+1200	+6900	$284.21	$240.08	40.2	35.1	$7.07	$6.84
RABLE GOODS	79.7	78.9	75.0	+ 800	+4700	288.86	243.60	40.4	34.9	7.15	6.98
MBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.6	2.4	+ 100	+ 300	281.60	219.80	40.0	31.4	7.04	7.00
ONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.1	2.1	1.7	0	+ 400	382.50	314.52	42.5	36.7	9.00	8.57
MARY METALS	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	- 200	344.38	308.51	42.1	40.7	8.18	7.58
BRICATED METALS	9.0	9.1	8.7	- 100	+ 300	275.15	214.59	39.2	33.9	6.56	6.33
NELECTRIC MACH.	6.5*	6.4*	6.4*	+ 100	+ 100	392.30	315.56	43.3	35.9	9.06	8.79
CTRICAL MACHINERY	11.3	11.2	10.9	+ 100	+ 400	278.39	235.50	41.8	37.5	6.66	6.28
ANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.1	9.1	8.4	0	+ 700	400.05	332.87	41.2	36.3	9.71	9.17
TRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	4.5	0	+ 300	307.88	281.70	43.0	40.3	7.16	6.99
WELRY-SILVERWARE	23.0	22.5	21.1	+ 500	+1900	210.53	175.59	38.7	32.1	5.44	5.47
SCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.2	5.1	4.7	+ 100	+ 500	248.03	164.12	36.8	26.6	6.74	6.17
NDURABLE GOODS	38.0	37.6	35.8	+ 400	+2200	275.42	256.50	39.8	35.8	6.92	6.67
OD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.3	3.0	0	+ 300	224.92	218.61	37.3	34.7	6.03	6.30
XTILES	10.9	10.8	10.4	+ 100	+ 500	262.89	222.74	41.4	37.0	6.35	6.02
PAREL	3.4	3.3	3.0	+ 100	+ 400	235.22	190.85	39.8	34.7	5.91	5.50
PER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 100	241.52	225.57	39.4	36.5	6.13	6.18
NTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.7	5.7	+ 100	+ 100	377.69	315.27	38.5	33.9	9.81	9.30
EMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0	371.50	326.52	38.9	38.1	9.55	8.57
BBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.3	1.3	+ 100	+ 100	300.66	272.16	43.7	39.5	6.88	6.89
ASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.0	4.7	0	+ 300	284.17	233.10	39.8	35.0	7.14	6.66
ATHER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	2.4	0	+ 400	181.55	153.08	36.9	32.5	4.92	4.71

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crease was reported in Jewelry/Silverware (+1,900), followed by Transportation Equipment (+700) and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+500). Also up from their year ago levels were Stone-Clay-Glass and Electrical Machinery (+400 each), Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals, and Instruments (+300 each), and Nonelectrical Machinery (+100). Primary Metals was the only Durable Goods industry showing an annual job loss (-200).

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly gains of 100 each were reported in Textiles, Apparel, Printing-Publishing, and Rubber Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from the previous month. On an annual basis, the largest increase was posted in Textiles (+500). Apparel and Leather Products each gained 400 from February 1983. Also up substantially were Food-Beverage and Plastics Products (+300 each), while Paper Products, Printing-Publishing, and Rubber Products each advanced by 100 jobs from one year ago. Chemical Products remained unchanged from last February.

NONMANUFACTURING

Employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries rose 900 from January to February, due largely to gains within the Services industries. The current total of 278,500 is also 9,400 jobs greater than the February 1983 figure of 269,100.

The largest monthly increase in Nonmanufacturing was the addition of 1,100 workers to Services payrolls. At 93,000, this segment was also up 2,800 from last February. Government employment, increasing 300 for the month to 57,300, remained unchanged from a year earlier. As a result of a monthly job gain of 100, Transportation and Public Utilities boosted its employment to 13,300, which was 200 higher than reported in February 1983. Employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade declined by 400 for the month to a level of 82,600. However, this figure is 4,500 larger than the 78,100 employed in Trade one year ago. Although Construction fell by 200 for the month to 11,000, its employment was 1,800 above the February 1983 total. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate remained unchanged from January at 21,300, but was 100 higher than its one year earlier employment total.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers increased by 7 cents to $7.07 in February; this figure was up 23 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week increased to 40.2 hours in February which was 1.0 hour higher than January and 5.1 hours above the February 1983 level. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $284.21 in February. This represents a $9.81 increase over January and is $44.13 more than was reported in February last year. Hours and earnings figures for 1983 have been revised to reflect updated survey data.

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